



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton planting was estimated at 67 percent complete and emerging at 38 percent complete according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley headed was estimated at 73 percent complete. Mature barley was estimated at 23 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Durum wheat headed was estimated at 70 percent complete. Mature durum wheat was estimated at 20 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Last week, western Arizona growers shipped celery, cilantro, lettuce (processed and romaine), parsley, spinach, and seedless watermelons. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Continuous winds have accelerated soil moisture reduction in the Northwestern part of the State. With the increased temperatures and extreme winds the last week, areas were drying out quickly in the Southeastern part of the state. Almost half of the 51 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from -8 degrees below to 4 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 16 degrees at Springerville to a high of 99 degrees at Bullhead City, Phoenix, and Robson Ranch. San Simon reported the least precipitation during the week at 0.02 inches while Springerville reported the most at 0.40 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Sahuarita was the driest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley | | | | |
| Headed..... | 73 | 70 | 63 | 78 |
| Mature..... | 23 | 20 | NA | NA |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Planted..... | 67 | 53 | 72 | 69 |
| Emerging..... | 38 | 20 | NA | NA |
| Durum Wheat | | | | |
| Headed..... | 70 | 57 | 57 | 77 |
| Mature..... | 20 | 15 | NA | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork..... | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | NA |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | -- | 1 | 3 | NA |
| Short..... | 20 | 22 | 26 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 69 | 60 | 65 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 11 | 17 | 6 | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 8 | 14 | 15 | NA |
| Short..... | 9 | 7 | 10 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 78 | 69 | 71 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 5 | 10 | 4 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Poor | 3 | 2 | -- | 2 |
| Fair | 26 | 33 | 12 | 17 |
| Good | 43 | 46 | 42 | 44 |
| Excellent..... | 27 | 18 | 42 | 34 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | NA |
| Poor | 1 | 2 | -- | NA |
| Fair | 13 | 13 | 11 | NA |
| Good | 63 | 67 | 43 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 22 | 17 | 44 | NA |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | NA |
| Poor | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Fair | 4 | 4 | 6 | NA |
| Good | 81 | 84 | 32 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 12 | 61 | NA |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 14 | 8 | 16 | 25 |
| Poor | 13 | 11 | 13 | 20 |
| Fair | 23 | 24 | 37 | 29 |
| Good | 35 | 44 | 30 | 24 |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 13 | 4 | 2 |

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_04302017.pdf